



Editorial: Don't take economic stimulus too far

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Lee County commissioners are considering ramping up public works projects to pump up the local economy. They have their eye on launching \$169 million worth of road, utility, park, library and other projects by September.

At the same time, commissioners are considering cutting impact fees on new construction by more than \$3 million in the next six months.

We wonder whether the latter part would be a stimulus in the long run. Impact fees help pay for projects such as the ones the commissioners want to expedite, and overspending of other kinds is what got us into the mess that requires a stimulus package in the first place. Right?

Commissioners are on the right track and their intentions are good. But let's keep a close eye on the execution. Because the bills will still come due, impact fee deferrals rather than cuts or waivers are the way to go.

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